

GRANITE STATE TAXPAYERS

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Dear Attorney Heese:

It is my understanding that your office is now accepting letters of comment in the settlement proposed in the *U.S. v Microsoft* case. Please accept my letter of support for this agreement.

Granite State Taxpayers is a coalition of taxpayers and taxpayers associations throughout New Hampshire that work together to stop attempts to increase taxes and help make sure taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently.

That is why I find this case so appalling. It has already cost the taxpayers of this nation over \$30 million! \$30 million to prosecute one of the most exciting companies our nation has seen.

This case never should have been brought forward in the first place. Microsoft has been an innovator in the area of technology, and because of that, their competitors have not been able to keep up with their technology. As a result, they successfully lobbied the government to fight for them in the courtrooms and now we have this kind of money being wasted on our hands.

After many, many months, a settlement has been reached that has something for everyone. This is an opportune time to end these proceedings and remove the federal government's involvement in the operations of this area marketplace.

I urge you to stop the needless wasting of taxpayer dollars and approve this case quickly. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Roy Stewart
Immediate Past Chairman